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Peter W. Gage et al.

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For: ANTIVIRAL COMPOUNDS AND METHODS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This responds to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 5, 2011 (hereinafter “the Office Action”), which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for reply ending on April 5, 2011. Accordingly, a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a two-month extension of time, i.e., up to June 6, 2011 (as June 5, 2011 is Sunday), accompanies this submission. This paper is timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 83 of this paper.